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(C) Acting Pol/Econ Chief previewed with MFA Director of Bilateral Relations Dr. Dhafer Al-Umran reftel themes for the GCC 2 meeting in Sharm el-Sheikh. Dr. Dhafer welcomed receipt of the possible discussion points and said the MFA would review them carefully and provide any feedback as soon as possible ahead of the July 31 meeting. He reaffirmed that Minister of Foreign Affairs Shaikh Khalid Bin Ahmed would attend the meeting.

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